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## WHAT NEXT?

When we know who we get the foundation for an opinion on what. Who then compose the great army of voters who so overwhelmingly elected Mr. Cleveland? There are first of all the regulars—the members of the Democratic organization who have stood by their colors and will stand by them regardless of any policy of administration. No indication of the future can be gathered from their presence. Second in importance come the enthusiastic sincere free-traders of the Watterson and Mills type who believe that protection is robbery and that free trade is the need of the time. They declare revenue reform to be "the paramount issue." They had their way in the Democratic Convention, the regulars being almost insolently disregarded. Their influence will be great, perhaps controlling in the new Administration. Third, the free silver men, equally earnest and enthusiastic, but perhaps less disinterested than the free traders, and not so evenly distributed or so numerous or so influential. They will fight hard and be disappointed. Four years hence they will doubtless curse the Democratic party as a broken reed. Next, men who hate the national bank with a blind unreasoning hate. They hate everything national, but the bank most of all. They are joined by social guerrillas who always rejoice in a prospect of times of confusion. The connections of the President-elect make it almost certain that this contingent like the last will end in cursing their brethren in the late battle. Then there are the host who rose up in their might to help the Democratic party defeat a force bill, which that rival prophet of the party saw in a dream. They will all be satisfied and long continue to glorify and assist those who mightily relegated this horrid shape to the vasty deep whence the prophet knew it was about to emerge—for behold it was revealed to him in a dream. Last, but not least, all those who in their innermost hearts feel convinced that the blood of the American citizen is too rich, and that the preservation of his health and that of the body politic of which he is a unit demands depleting remedies. These last are not noisy, neither do they write, but their name has become legion. Rightly or wrongly they believe free trade would let just about the requisite amount of blood. We should hesitate to let any blood ourselves but if able physicians and the patient all agree on the remedy, why we shall watch the experiment with interest and hope for its success. We believe the influence of the men of the lance will be very quiet, but considerable. Finally, the country is not going to the "demonstration bow-wow" any way.

## A Remarkable History.

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## Sober Second Thought.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: Although your paper is well known to be independent and non-partisan in all national matters, I hope that I may be permitted, through your columns, to congratulate not only the Democrats of Bloomfield, but all good citizens of Bloomfield, irrespective of party, upon the triumph of conservatism and moderation in Tuesday's elections.

On Tuesday last three theories of the tariff were presented to the people of this country for their choice:

First—The theory that tariff taxes should be imposed for the purpose of increasing the returns from the protected industries primarily, and only secondarily for the purpose of revenue. Or to state it briefly, the theory of a tariff for protection with incidental revenue. This theory was promulgated and defended by the Republican party, and represents the extreme protective idea.

Second, and in violent contrast to this, the theory of absolute free trade, or that tariff taxes, if allowed at all, should be confined to luxuries. This theory was promulgated and defended by the People's Party, and represented the extreme free-trade idea.

Third—Midway between these came the theory of a tariff imposed primarily for revenue, and so adjusted as to give adequate protection to all American industries, meaning by adequate protection that tariff which would raise the cost of imported goods at the port of entry to that of domestic goods at the same place. This theory of tariff taxation was promulgated and defended by the Democratic party, and represented the conservative idea of tariff taxation.

When we consider how in the past the American people, when fully understanding a subject, have invariably dealt with it in a conservative and prudent fashion, it is not to be wondered at that, by an overwhelming majority, the people of this country have endorsed the conservative and Democratic theory of taxation.

I congratulate all good citizens on this solution, and I think justly, because the pendulum having swung so far towards an extreme high tariff, there was grave danger that it would swing back to extreme free-trade notions were it not arrested midway and stayed at the conservative Democratic position; and had it not been arrested there at this election it seemed probable that before the next election it would have passed the safety point and it would have been impossible to have prevented the success of the extreme free-trade notions of the People's Party. This would have wrought disaster to all those industries now dependent in a measure on a protective tariff, and which will be preserved, fostered, and prospered by a reduction of the tariff upon their raw materials and the preservation of a sufficient tariff on their manufactured articles.

Another great question was presented to the people of this country in this campaign and answered at the last election. This question as formulated in the last campaign was, "Shall we have the force bill or not?" but stripped of its new dress, it was the time-worn question, Shall we have a centralized government or a home-rule government? Shall we increase the power of the Federal Government at the expense of the State governments, or shall we retain the division of power between the nation and the States, so carefully provided by the fathers of our country?

I think that not only Democrats but all good citizens are to be congratulated at the answer given to this question, for I believe the sober second thought of all will be that the power granted to the Federal Government by the so-called force bill was greater than with our present imperfect human nature can safely be trusted to the Federal Government, no matter which party controls it. I repeat then that while from the Democratic standpoint it is a glorious victory, while from the standpoint of Mr. Cleveland it is a wonderful vindication, that better than all these and more than all these, from the standpoint of the people, without regard to party, it is a solution of the vexed questions which were presented, which ten years from now all will admit to have been a happy one.

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